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Dear Resident

You are invited to attend a meeting of Ackworth Parish Council which will be held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, on **MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024, COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM.**

Yours faithfully

Jemma Nolan
Clerk

There will be a 15-minute public session prior to the meeting and this will commence at 7.15pm (Members of the public are reminded to adhere to the rules set by the council for this session)

AGENDA

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| <p>1. Reminder by the Chair of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting. <i>The Parish Council meeting may be recorded under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014. Devices are to be placed on the table provided throughout the meeting.</i></p> |
| <p>2. Apologies</p> <p>2.1 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
2.2 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence.</p> |
| <p>3. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations</p> <p>3.1 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.
3.2 To receive, consider and decide upon any written applications for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest.
3.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.</p> |
| <p>4. To receive available reports from the following:</p> <p>4.1 West Yorkshire Police
4.2 WMDC District Councillors
4.3 APC Council Representatives on outside bodies</p> |

<p>5. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th February 2024, as a true and correct record.</p>
<p>6. To receive information on the following ongoing matters arising – Clerks Update</p> <p>6.1 To receive an update from WMDC following the approved amended proposal in November 23 relating to the upgrade of the crossing on Wakefield road - <i>That Ackworth Parish Council investigate the possibility of upgrading the recently installed crossing on Wakefield Road to a lights-controlled Puffin Crossing. Further and in addition, that Ackworth Parish Council petition Wakefield District Council and Highways to install more crossings on Wakefield, Doncaster and Barnsley Roads as outlined in our original Road Safety Plan.</i></p> <p>6.2 To receive a report from the Clerk following a review with Cllr A Sherratt in relation to the approved proposal in September 23 - <i>To receive a proposal and recommendation from Cllr A Sherratt that Ackworth Parish Council create, adopt and implement a robust, open and transparent process for providing information to, and dealing with enquiries from, residents of the village.</i></p>
<p>7. Committee and Subcommittee Meetings:</p> <p>7.1 To receive the minutes of the Allotments subcommittee meeting held on 1st March 2024 and approve the recommendations within them.</p> <p>7.2 To receive the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 4th March 2024 and approve the recommendations within them.</p> <p>7.3 To receive the minutes of the Village Amenities committee meeting held on 4th March 2024 and approve the recommendations within them.</p>
<p>8. To receive Burial Rights</p>
<p>9. Financial Matters:</p> <p>9.1 To receive and approve the accounts including bank statements to the end of January 2024.</p> <p>9.2 To receive and approve the accounts including bank statements to the end of February 2024.</p> <p>9.3 To receive and approve payments to be made and Petty Cash account to 11th March 2024.</p>
<p>10. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:</p> <p>10.1 24/00277/FUL - 103 Pontefract Road Ackworth Pontefract WF7 7EL - Alterations to front elevation, Single storey extensions to front and side, part two storey, part single storey extensions to rear and formation of balcony to 1st floor to rear – Deadline 28/03/2024</p> <p>10.2 24/00222/FUL - Ackworth Howard (VC) C Of E J I School Station Road Ackworth Pontefract WF7 7HH - Installation of solar panels on the pitched and flat roofs of the school – Deadline 13/03/2024</p> <p>10.3 16/00508/S730 - Removal of condition 3 (Pile and Beam Foundations) of approved application ref. 16/00508/FUL for "two storey extension to side, first floor extension to entire dwelling and detached garage to front" approved 23rd May 2016 due to use of alternative foundation – No Deadline Provided</p>
<p>11. To agree the date of Monday 15th April 2024 for the Parish Assembly Meeting prior to the scheduled council meeting.</p>
<p>12. To review and approve the Risk Management Assessment for 24/25.</p>
<p>13. To receive a copy of the Internal Auditor's interim report for the financial year 23/24.</p>
<p>14. To approve a request supported by the Clerk, to allow a resident to join the staff team from the 8th – 12th July 2024 as part of their school's work experience placement programme. (<i>Subject to insurance and risk assessment requirement review</i>).</p>
<p>15. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding the pest control at Brackenhill Allotments.</p>

16. Motions requested by Councillors

16.1 Councillor A Sherratt proposes that Ackworth Parish Council contact Wakefield Council Environmental Health department to support the Masons Arms in their attempts to retain the ability to offer their long-standing live music performances which are under threat due to a recent noise abatement notice. This is to further support the Masons Arms in addition to the nearly 3000 people who have signed a petition of support for them.

16.2 Councillor A Sherratt proposes that Ackworth Parish Council provide a facility for a satellite Police Station in the village to provide a base within the village for the Police Community Support Officers to work from, enabling them to spend more time within the village whilst also offering a clear point of contact for residents to contact the PCSO. As a preference a central location such as a facility in the Carr Bridge area would be ideal, however a suitable location exists with the Brackenhill Community Centre which is currently unused.

16.3 Councillor S Sherratt proposes that the Parish Council support Green Lane residents in tackling safety issues from motor transport, scrambling bikes and pushbikes, currently occurring on this Public Footpath to Old Holes Quarries Nature Reserve which should be accessway to a small number of properties only, by corresponding with WMDC and Strata for better signage to promote safety for walkers, children and animals and support against residents' usage of the lane for parking so that dustcarts and emergency vehicles can proceed safely and easily.

16.4 Councillor S Sherratt proposes that the Parish Council fund protective fencing for Old Holes Quarries nature reserve, which is currently being frequented by scrambling bikes and to stop trees being damaged by their owners to create new pathways for scrambling. Green Lane which the scramblers are using to access the land is a public footpath and access route for property owners only and should not be being used by the bikers. This would support greater safety on the footpath for legitimate users.

16.5 Councillor A Sherratt proposes that as a matter of urgency the Parish Council create and adopt an Investment Strategy to comply with Statutory Guidance on Local Government Investments (3rd Edition) – issued under section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003. The statutory guidance applies to parish councils with investments exceeding £100,000 (as Ackworth Parish Council currently have) and are encouraged for any parish council with investments between £10,000 and £100,000. The created strategy to be approved directly by the full parish council as set out in the statutory guidance and published to be publicly available on the parish council website.